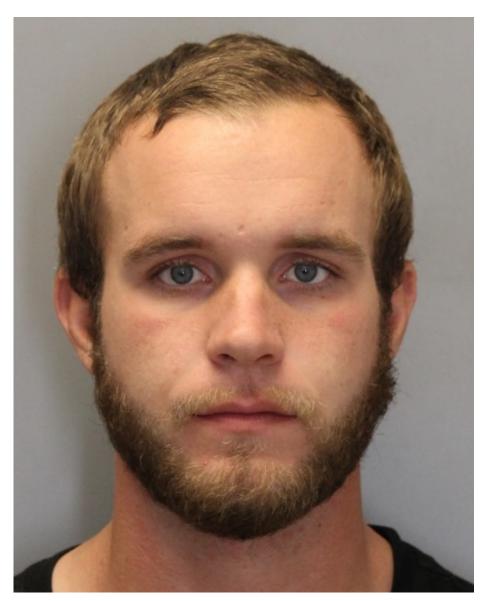
Arrest Made Following Bear Bank Robbery



Matthew R. Brennan

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Bear- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives have arrested a New Castle man and charged him in connection with the robbery of a Bear area bank which occurred yesterday afternoon.

The investigation began yesterday, Monday, October 31, 2016,

at approximately 12:26 p.m., after a male suspect entered the M&T Bank located at 10 Fox Hunt Drive, Bear. The suspect approached a female teller and presented her with a demand note for money which implied that he was armed. The teller complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. He then exited the bank and was observed fleeing the parking lot in a white Honda sedan. There were no injuries and no weapon was displayed.

A short time later, a trooper who had responded to the area, observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect's car traveling on eastbound US Rt. 40 (Pulaski Highway) in the area of Buckley Boulevard, Bear. A stop of the vehicle was performed and troopers were able to take the suspect, later identified as Matthew R. Brennan, 25, into custody without incident. A subsequent search of the Brennan's vehicle revealed evidence linking him to the bank robbery.

Matthew Brennan was transported to Troop 2, Glasgow, where he was subsequently charged with Robbery First Degree. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of \$30,000.00 secured bond.

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